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**PHILADELPHIA MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED EXTORTION  
OF NEW YORK GIANTS HEAD COACH**

PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment<sup>1</sup> against Herbert Alex Simpson, of Philadelphia, charging him with mailing threatening communications.

Simpson is accused of sending two letters on July 28, 2008, and on July 29, 2008, to New York Giants Coach Tom Coughlin. He was charged by criminal complaint on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Simpson allegedly threatened to expose a fictional encounter Coughlin was purported to have had with two women while in Philadelphia with the team. The letter allegedly demanded that Coughlin pay between \$20,000-\$30,000 and also threatened that if he did not pay, his life would be made “a living hell by doing something to [his] family.” When confronted by the FBI, Simpson acknowledged that he had made up the story that he relayed in the letters.

Neither Coughlin nor any member of his family was hurt.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT**

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Herbert Alex Simpson	Philadelphia, PA	30 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of two years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, 2 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Derek A. Cohen.

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<sup>1</sup> A criminal complaint is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty

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